

**Royal Stoke University Hospital** 

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Date: 1st March 2021

## Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding rates of pay.

The University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust is committed to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

However, the NHS is facing unprecedented challenges relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at the current time. Understandably, our resources have been diverted to support our front-line colleagues who are working tremendously hard to provide care for our patients, and to those in need of our services.

We strive to be transparent and to work with an open culture. But at this time, whilst care of our patients and the safety of our staff takes precedent, it is likely that responses to some requests for information will be delayed. We apologise for this position in advance, and will endeavour to provide you with as much information as we can, as soon as we are able.

The Information Commissioners Office has recognised the current situation in the NHS

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

## Q1 Average Band 5 Agency Nurse Rates

Please respond to question one by populating the template below.

a) Average cost per hour (inclusive of base pay, agency margin, NI, PAYE etc. but excluding VAT) paid for Band 5 agency Nurses for Standard Day hours between 1st April 2020 and 31st January 2021	
b) Average cost per hour (inclusive of base pay, agency margin, NI, PAYE etc. but excluding VAT) paid for Band 5 agency Nurses for Saturday & Evening hours between 1st April 2020 and 31st	







January 2021.	
c) Average cost per hour (inclusive of base pay, agency margin, NI, PAYE etc. but excluding VAT) paid for Band 5 agency Nurses for Sunday & Bank Holiday hours between 1st April 2020 and 31st January 2021	

## A1 Please see below:

5	Day	£24.06
	Night / Saturday	£31.29
	Sunday / Bank Holiday	£38.51
6	Day	£29.78
	Night / Saturday	£38.71
	Sunday / Bank Holiday	£47.65

## Q2 Part 2 - High Rate Band 5 Nurse Hours

For the below questions, please answer number of shifts rather than number of hours if this figure is easier to obtain – please clarify which unit you're referring to within your response. Please also indicate how many individual nurses make up the figure in response to each of the below.

a) For Band 5 Agency Nurses, regardless of rate type (i.e. Days, Nights, Bank Holidays etc.), how many hours since 1st April cost £50 per hour or more?	
b) For Band 5 Agency Nurses, regardless of rate type (i.e. Days, Nights, Bank Holidays etc.), how many hours since 1st April cost £75 per hour or more?	
c) For Band 5 Agency Nurses, regardless of rate type (i.e. Days, Nights, Bank Holidays etc.), how many hours since 1st April cost £100 per hour or more?	

A2 Please see below:

A - 1572 hours







B – none C – none

\*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,

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